Appointment of IIM Directors

2776. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited applications for filling up the post of Directors for the Indian Institutes of Management at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta through advertisements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the strong resentment of faculty members of these premier B-schools, over the present selection process of their Directors; and

(d) If so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D.PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes sir; for filling up the forthcoming vacancies of Directors of Indian Institutes of Management at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata, the Government had also invited applications through advertisements to ensure ,broad based and transparent procedure. In addition, letters were also written to eminent educationists, industrialists, heads of Institutes etc. to recommend suitable persons for the post of Director for consideration of the Search-cum-Selection Committees constituted for this purpose.

(c) and (d) Though certain concerns were raised in the media and a section of faculty of these Institutes over the inviting of applications through press advertisements, the Government has clarified that there has been no change in the established procedure of selection of the Directors and the Search-cum-Selection Committee can consider and recommend the name of any suitable candidate for the post of Director of Indian Institute of Management and such a candidate need not have necessarily applied against the open press advertisement. The Director of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) is appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on the basis of recommendation of the Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted for this purpose.

Extension of Mid-Day-Meal Scheme to middle schools

2777. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mid-Day-Meal Scheme is proposed to be extended to middle schools in Goa;

(b) whether Government have received any communication in this regard from the Goa Government;

(c) whether this scheme would be financed by the Central Government, on the pattern of the existing scheme;